

OXFORD CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

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23–25 May 2025, Asthall Manor and Church

EDEN IN ASTHALL



Join us for a weekend celebration of uplifting music and art at Asthall Manor.
Full information and ticket booking [ocmf.net](https://www.ocmf.net)

Eden: the origin of beauty, harmony, goodness as well as its shadow counterparts darkness and dissonance – our own affinity with Nature, the delights of creation and infinity of sounds.

Paradise lost and found in the magical setting of Asthall Manor, the intriguing and majestic Jacobean house once home to the Mitford sisters, nestled in its own Eden with verdant gardens merging into the valley of the Windrush below. Visitors to our May musical celebration in Asthall church will be able to seek out its hidden pathways and secret corners among the idyllic glories of early Summer – its rolling vistas inviting us to share a unique experience of joy in nature and music.

The celebrations include a very special event on Saturday to mark the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the Oxford Chamber Music Festival and will include a visit to the beautiful gardens of Asthall Manor, a concert in the church and dinner in the Manor ballroom.

Priya Mitchell Artistic Director, OCMF

Friday 23 May Concert 7pm £30*

Saturday 24 May 11am–2pm

Painting and drawing workshop:

Asthall Trees – Where Heaven Meets Earth

with Kieran Stiles. £70. Booking through [kieranstiles.com](https://www.kieranstiles.com)

Concert 5.30pm & Dinner 6.45pm £85*

Followed by reception and dinner in the Manor ballroom

Sunday 25 May Concert 3pm £30*

*A transaction fee will apply.

Ticket-holders may enjoy the gardens before the concerts. Music will include Bach's 'Goldberg Variations', Vivaldi's 'Spring' and Vaughan-Williams, 'The Lark Ascending.'

The Three Horseshoes, Asthall, OX18 4HW offers a perfect pre-or post-concert dining experience.

Lotte Betts Dean *mezzosoprano*

Roy Amotz *flute* | **Claude Frochaux** *cello*

Priya Mitchell *violin* | **Annette Walther** *violin*

Sascha Bota *viola* | **Dirk Mommertz** *piano*

'An event of national rather than merely local significance.' —*The Independent*

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22–27 September 2025

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Belcea Quartet

This special 25th anniversary festival will be hosted in atmospheric venues in Oxford, including the Holywell Music Room, Sheldonian Theatre, Christ Church Cathedral and The New Space, New College. We are proud to work with the Bodleian Library once again to present a series of lectures.

Artists include the Belcea Quartet, Priya Mitchell, Julius Drake, Hugo Ticciati & O/Modernt Chamber Orchestra, Luciana Mancini (mezzosoprano), Dirk Mommertz (piano), Reto Bieri (clarinet), Emma Bonnici (mezzosoprano) with Thomas Adès as composer in residence.

Works include Mozart Dissonance quartet and Clarinet quintet, Casals Song of the Birds, Tabakova 'Garden', Schubert Cello Quintet and Hildegard von Bingen Vos flores rosarum.



Full details of all events and ticket links will be on the OCMF website soon.
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